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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. Twenty four only

Part B for August 1943.

SUBJECT.

Artillery Firing Ranges — Kolar Dist.

Released
28.8.43

2470 W. Artillery Practice Camp Areas - Kolar Dt

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Current No. 2536 W

From The D.C. Kolar

(89-42-540) C.No 68/42-43 dt 15th Feby. 43 forwg copy of letter addressed to the C.I.O. re. the practice held on the 5th Feby. 43 in Bowringpet Taluk.

1) Subd for perusal.

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To C.I.O

(89-42-544) C.I.O 332/42-43 dt 19th Feby. 43 forwg copy of Kolar D.C's letter re. the practice on 5th Feby. 43.

To C.I.O

(89-42-545) C.I.O 342/42-43 dt 23rd Feby. 43 forwg a copy of Kolar D.C's letter intimating the occurrence of an incident on the 20th Feby. 43 due to the explosion of the unexploded Shell Nos. 1/F attending the Artillery Firing Practice.

2) Subd for perusal. The fuse is reported with the authorities

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Edn Minister) 26/2

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CHIEF SECRETARY 6569 26 FEB 1943 GOVT. OF MYSORE

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION Date 1.3.43 No. 4529

2597/W ... artillery Practice Camp ...

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546 From The D.C. Kolar Dt. F.3.43.

(1) ... for ... a copy of the ... addressed from the Collector with field firing practices in the ... mentioned.

(2) Subj for perusal.

... Wright ... Wales ... Wood

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547 From The D. C. Kolar

C.L.O. 88/42-43 d 28th Feb. 43 forwards a copy of Civil Officers letter intimating the occurrence of an unfortunate incident by the exploding of an unexploded shell.

(1-4) Endn. Miscls minute on the P.U.D

"This may be intimated to the Military authorities concerned as it was their duty to see that no unexploded shell was left in the area of artillery firing. It is also to be ascertained whether any compensation can be given to the bereaved members of the family" Initd. J. M. J. 26/2/43.

Dewan Initd. N. M. 28/2/43.

3 MAR 1943 GOVT. OF MYSORE

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Artillery Practice Camp area. Kolar Dt

N.S. The Asst report was received from the Circle and was already sent for part of the further report referred to. No report so far been received

With reference to orders above, Kind reference is invited to the original Notification issued under the Defence of India Rules (50 B) authorising the carrying out of field firing practice in the area, the letter issued to the D C Kolar and the subsequent Notification extending the period. It is seen from the Circle Officer's report that the individuals went to the said spot which is within the danger area. The incident was not during the Practice but the next day when the persons unauthorisedly entered the danger zone and interfered with an unexploded shell. Kind reference is invited to Clause 4 of Rule 50 B It is doubtful whether compensation will be paid in the circumstances mentioned above for orders whether a detailed report may be called for from the D C or the Rly addressed to intimate the military authorities as ordered above and also whether compensation can be given to the members of the deceased family.

b) A further report may be called for before the reference is made. If it is a case of trespass for contributory negligence, we may not have much of a case

a declared danger zone

a) A Hig[illegible] 9.3.43

[illegible] Secy 57-2 Edn Minister

CHIEF SECRETARY 6961 6. MAR. 1943 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
Date 6-3-43
No. 4703

of Hubd with a draft to the DC. Kelvin will report to Ottawa office. The DC has already been requested to send a copy of the letter addressed by a civil office to the Commanding Officer.

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551 Issue 3611 in d. 10° Mund. 43 to a DCKolw.

Artillery Practice Camp Arcot — Kolar. 3

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From The D. C. Kolar.

Memo d' 3rd March 43 forwg a copy of letter addressed to the C.H.O re the incident on the 20th inst. during the explosion of an unexploded shell.

10) The Manifold was sorted to the Revenue Section today. The Civil Officer has stated that the Commanding Officer has been addressed in the matter and that a further report will be submitted on his return. The D.C has stated that measures are being taken by the Civil Officer in consultation with the Commanding Officer to avoid such unhappy accidents. It is not clear on what point the Civil Officer has addressed the Commanding Officer (perhaps to avoid the recurrence of such incidents). Submitted for perusal.

11) Approved of the letter marked

RS 6/3

12) Yes

CHIEF SECRETARY 7071 8 MAR. 1943 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

13) Submitted with a letter to the D.C Kolar.

RS 8/3

14) Seen

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Memo 3544/W dt 8th March 43 from the D.C Kolar

From The C.H.O

C.H.O forwards the 6th March 43 from the D.C report of 1st March 43 re Artillery Practice.

15) The above report was received from the D.C Kolar direct and sorted already.

RS 9/3

2660 W. Artillery Practice Camp. areas

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552 From The C.L.O

C.L.O 341/42-43 d 9° March 43 forg a copy of Kolar D.C's Letter d. 3rd March 43.

16) The report was already received from the D.C Kolar direct and he has been requested to send a copy of the letter addressed to the Commanding Officer. The further report will be awaited.

RS 11/3 SA

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From The D.C. Kolar.

C.L.O 97/42-43 d 11° March 43 forg a copy of Kolar Civil Officer's letter to the Officer Commanding and his reply.

553 17) Submitted for perusal. The reply of the Officer Commanding and his reply to this office letter d 10° March 43 will be awaited thereon

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RS 13/3 SA

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From The D. C. Kolar.

554 C.L.O. 106/42-43 d 27° March 43 forg a copy of letter addressed to the C.R. re Artillery Practice on 17° & 18° March 43.

18) Submitted for perusal.

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Seen 29/3

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Artillery Field Firing Practice. Kelyfaree

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
Date 15/4/43
No. 76

From The CR.
C.L.O. 403/4240 d 12th April 43 forwg a copy of Kdar & Ci letter re Lt Practice held from 22nd March to 25th March 43 and stating that there was no damage to property and none.

19) Subd for perusal

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Artillery Practice Camp areas KGDL

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CHIEF SECRETARY 8471 1. APR. 1943 GOVT. OF MYSORE

From :- D. C. R.
C.L.O. 625/42-43 d 30th March 43 forwarding for disposal a copy of letter received from Settlement Officer, Bettampet.

2a) Submitted for favour of disposal.

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2b) Noted

5/4/43

From :- D. C. Kolar

556 Recommending issue of letter No C.L.O.106/42-43 dt 1-4-43 to the villagers of Kolar District prohibiting practice from 22nd to 25th inst. and stating that there is no danger to property of persons or cattle.

557 From :- D. C. Kolar

No C.L.O.325/42-43 dt 3-4-43 forwarding copy of report of Kolar D.C. for practice on 10th & 15th March 43.

558 No C.L.O 97 dt 1-4-43. Forwarding the report of the Civil Officer on the responsibility for accidents and damages to property in connection with practice on 10-3-43.

22) Seen. For favour of perusal with reference to papers 4 & 7 ante.

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2842/W. Artillery Practice K.G.2

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Current No.

From the reports of the civil officer it appears that the incidents occurred on the day next after the day of practice and the area had been declared as dangerous only on that day. Under clause (2) of Rule 108 of the Defence of India Rules the area of practice has to be declared as danger zone and entry therein is bound to be prohibited during the times when live ammunition is discharged or there is danger to life or property. There was danger so long as there were unexploded shells and the prohibition of entry should accordingly have been enforced. The unexploded shell had been located and destroyed. This only leaves to be assumed that the Judge's order might be under the by-laws.

I will for orders.

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2842/42 pw
2875/42 pw

Artillery practice & Casualties

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23) The D.C's report is for 6 annas. The Bomb affairs Report dated 27.3.43 says that there will be no occasion for such accidents in future as the military will blow up unexploded shells immediately after each day's firing.

24) In the present case the casualties were due to the fact that instead of bringing the shell to the notice of the authorities, the persons found it advisable to keep mum knowing the consequences. It would be difficult to impose for payment of compensation. The D.C may however be asked to take the matter with the Military Authorities & see if any compensation can be got.

8776 INF. 8 APR. 1943 GOVT. OF MYSORE

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Law Secn may be consulted

Law 251/42. dated 10.4.43.

Asst Secy (Law)

Ans 9.4.43

25) Were handbills or circulars calling the attention of the Villagers to the dangers of handling unexploded shells and asking them to intimate the presence of such shells to the nearest police Station etc, distributed previous to the artillery practice

in question? This point is not very clear from the paras 4 of the civil officer's letters dated 27/3/43 This may be got clarified

MNV 16/4/43

Asst Secy to Govt. W.C.

27) The artillery practice on hills frequently in the Nellore villages and the Civil officers to state that printed circulars received from the Military have been widely distributed among the inhabitants and affixed in the chavadis of the villages.
The Circular is in the Nature of a Standing instruction for all the Practices and as such it is for orders whether the DC Needs be asked whether such handbills were distributed prior to the artillery practice in question

28) Report as contained

(PS 16/4 Sec) 29) Subd with a draft to the D Collector

(PS 16/4 Sec) 30) Sec 16/4

560 Issued 3955/W dt 19th April 43 to the D Collector.

Letter No. C. L. O. 97/42-43 dated the 26th April 43 from the D. C., Kolar, stating that hand bills re: the

561 artillery practice were published & distributed in all the villages coming within the Range area selected.

31) Subd for perusal with refee to the paras 26 to 28 Supra.

Law 264/42 30.4.43

Dy Secy 28.4.43 Sec

Asst Secy Law 28/4 MNV 28/4

32) From the facts as seem I find that this does not seem to me, to be a fit case to give any compensation. Legally the heirs of the deceased are not entitled to any compensation.

33) Handbills were distributed previous to the Artillery practices & all the villagers as to how the public should conduct themselves with live shells, & forewarned of them. Further, the facts as seem to me to show that those 5 persons who were in the danger zone after the practice was over went there with the intention of getting iron bits of fallen & exploded shells. So, it cannot be said that they were wholly ignorant of what a shell contained. Further, when they found a live shell, they had no reasons to touch it — on the other hand, they carried & threw it on a rock — perhaps with the idea of getting iron bits after the shell exploded, & thereby range of the exploded shell would spread out.

30) It is the duty of the Artillery officers that the area is wholly cleared of all live shells — & then they have undertaken to do, but in spite of their care, there may remain some live shell hidden or undetected. There is a possibility of danger [illegible] more [illegible]

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7215 Casualties resulted by the Explosion of an unexploded Shell on 20-2-1943 near K.Gr.7.

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arrest out of mishandling a live shell.

(36) In this case, there seems to be sufficient matter to conclude that the unfortunate deceased persons, without heeding the warning given in the Notices issued & circulated by the Public prior to the Artillery practice, tampered with the live shell, which resulted in fatal results. This is a fit case for compensation

Dy Secretary 3 9/7/43

36 Please put a hand bill. As it is not the duty of the Military to collect the live shells would be lying after the practice is over?

Cus 10-7-43

(37) Let all the references noted in my over.

3 14/7/43

(38) It is intimated that no copy of the hand bill referred to in paras 33 to 35 is found in the file

(39) If approved a copy of the hand bill will be called for from the D.C. Kolar

(40) Submitted with a draft to Dc. Kolar.

(41) Sir 3 13/7/43

Kolar 12/7. 14/7/43

582 P. 447 / dated 17-7-43 issued to the Dc Kolar calling for the copy of hand bills referred to in his letter under reply

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Casualties resulted by the explosion of an unexploded bomb on 20-2-43 near B.G. 7.

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Letter no. C.A.O. 97/42-43 dated 26-7-43 from the Dy Asst Director Postal forwarding for reference copies of hand bills taken for from him.

Reference is invited to para 3b supra and the bills are submitted for orders.

Asst Director Postal Note dated 9/7/43

30/7 I think that the Notice published & served on the Public Libraries should suffice indication to the Public, what to do should any unexploded shells be found. A notice to the above effect is enclosed. In the case, however, warning has not succeeded & there is unfortunate person. Action is not a fit case for Court of Enquiry.

Law Secretary 3 30/7

I agree. Any public notice of the possible finding of unexploded shells in the Artillery Range

Chief Secy 31-7-43

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Asst Secy

Govt

Secy

3 31/7/43

GEOY. LAW DEPT. 1079 31/7/43 GOVT OF MYSORE

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I do not know if this is worth while. WD 3

CHIEF SECRETARY 7 AUG. 1943 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Mew Edn. — WD 14/8/43

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION Date 16/8/43 No. 974

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In another case, the Dewan, the Secretary have replied to pay any compensation. It is thought necessary to inform the Municipal authorities that they should arrange to [illegible] the area immediately after the firing practice. In any case the next day I see that all live shells are exploded. The villagers should also be advised to be more alert in the danger zone for a day or two or at least not to touch such unexploded shells —

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CHIEF SECRETARY 19 AUG. 1943 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

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564 Issued 382/W dated 24th Aug. 43 to the Dewan

565 383/W Mem CR

Mr D Charlton for Mr Nelson with copies of letters to Mr D Mclaren

Verbal arrangements have been made for him to take over

Issued 389/W 1.25" Angle to D McClaren.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

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Telegraphic Address

N 89-342-543.

OFFICE OF
The Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District.

No. No.C.L.O.69/42-43.
Encls.

Date 15th February 1943.

ENDORSEMENT.

To

The Revenue Commissioner
& Civil Liaison Officer
in Mysore, Bangalore.

Subject:- Artillery Field Firing practice by B.R.A. southern Army on 5th February 1943 in Bowringpet Taluk.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the B.R.A. Southern Army had their Artillery Field Firing practice on 5th Feb. 1943 and the Range selected for the purpose comprised of 26 villages with the inclusion of hamlets. The Civil Officer, Kolar District, has reported that he was present during the hours of practice and that the villages which were within the range area were got evacuated as desired by the Military authorities and kept clear.

No damage to property or men, or cattle was caused during the period of Firing operations.

As regards the evacuation charges, Bills for a sum of

Rs.

Rs.1,399-8-0 are sent to the Head Quarters, Southern Army, Bangalore for placing the amount at the disposal of the Civil Officer, Kolar District for making necessary payments to the concerned people.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Sd. T. Ramaiya

~~From~~ Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

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Memo.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments, to the Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, Bangalo for favour of information.

G Venkata Krishna Rao

For Deputy Commissioner, Kola

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No. C.L.O.332/42.3
Encl. Encl. nil.

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
2 89-42-544 IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore, February 19th 194 3

FROM
Mothamed ul Mulk
M. G. Mehkri, Esq., B.A.,LL.B.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
Civil Liaison Officer.

J. Appaji Gowda, Esq., B.A.,LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

SIR,

Subject:— Artillery Field Firing practice by B.R.A. Southern Army on 5th Feb. 43 in Bowringpet Taluq.

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of Kolar Deputy Commissioner's letter No. C.L.O. 68/42-43 dated 15-2-43 re: the above for the information of Government and to state that it is reported that no damage to the property or men, or cattle was caused during the Firing operations.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner and
Civil Liaison Officer.

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Copy of letter No. C.L.O. 68/42-43 dated 15th February 1943 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, to the Revenue Commissioner & Civil Liaison Officer, Bangalore.

Subject: Artillery Field Firing practice by B.H.A. Southern Army on 5th February 1943 in - Bowringpet Taluq.

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No damage to property or men, or cattle was caused during the period of Firing operations.

As regards the evacuation charges, Bills for a sum of Rs 1399-8-0 are sent to the Head Quarters, Southern Army, Bangalore for placing the amount at the disposal of the Civil Officer,,Kolar District for making necessary payments to the concerned people.

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M.N. Ananth

for Revenue Commissioner and

Civil Liaison Officer.

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No. C.L.O. 341 /42-43.
Encl. Encl. one.

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore, ...February...23rd 1943

P 89-42-545

2536 W

FROM

Mothamed ul Mulk
M. G. Mehkri, Esq., B.A.,LL.B.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
and Civil Liaison Officer.

REV. SECRETARIAT 25 FEB. 1943

To

J. Appaji Gowda, Esq., B.A.,(Hons),
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, Bangalore

SIR,

Subject:— Casualities due to explosion of unexploded shell on 20-2-1943 near K. G. F.

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SECRETARY 25 FEB. 1943

I have the honour to forward herewith for information of Government, a copy of letter No. C.L.O. 88/42-43 dated 21-2-1943 together with that of its enclosure received from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District intimating the occurrence of an incident on 20th Feb. 1943 due to the explosion of an unexploded shell near K.G.F. and the circumstances under which the accident occurred. It is reported that out of 5 persons injured in the accident 2 persons died and 3 are ~~are~~ under treatment in the K.G.F. Hospital.

Further report will be submitted to Government on receipt of the same from the Deputy Commissioner.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M. S. M. 24/2

Revenue Commissioner and
Civil Liaison Officer.

Copy of letter No. CLO. 88/42.43 dated 21-2-43 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, to the Revenue Commissioner and Civil Liaison Officer in Mysore, Bangalore.

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I have the honour to forward herewith for favour of your information, a copy of letter No.T.1/42-43 dated 20th instant, received from the Civil Officer, intimating the occurrence of an unfortunate indident yesterday by the explosion of an unexploded shell near K.G.F.

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Enclosure.

Copy of letter No.T.1/42-43 dated 20-2-43 from the Civil Officer Kolar to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

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Casualities due to explosion of unexploded shell on 20 - 2 - 1943.

I have the honor to state ~~xx~~ the above subject as follows:

The Southern Army were conducting Artillery Firing practice near the K.G.F. area on 9th, 10th, 11th and 19th instants. There was no damage to any person, cattle, or property on any of these days. It is learnt that an unexploded shell was lying about 2 miles in the interior towards the western side of the west block of Marikuppam Mines, which spot happens to be for away from the dwelling houses or from K.G.F. Kamasandra Road.

Persons died.		
1. Susemari	25	
2. Chowrimuthu	32	
Persons injured		
1. Susekanan	12	
2. Chinnamma	40	
3. Manonmani	50	

On the morning of the 20th Feb.43 at about 9.30 A.M. 5 persons belonging to the Mining Cooli Families went to the said spot which is within the danger area to pick up iron, copper and brass particles of the exploded shells if any with crow bars etc. It appears that an unexploded shell was lying there somewhat buried in the earth. They seem to have dug it out and finding that it was unexploded, one of them is said to have thrown it away on some rock, thereby making it to explode. In the explosion that followed, one of the five persons (Susemari) is stated to have died on the spot. Another person viz., Chowrimuthu is stated to have died in the Hospital after admission. The other three persons are injured and are under treatment in the K.G.F. Hospital. The names of the persons are given in the margin.

Further report will be submitted in the matter after seeing the Military authorities and injured persons.

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M. N. Ananda Rao

for Revenue Commissioner and
Civil Liaison Officer.

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No.C.L.C.74/42-43. Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District,
Dated, Kolar the 1st March 1943.

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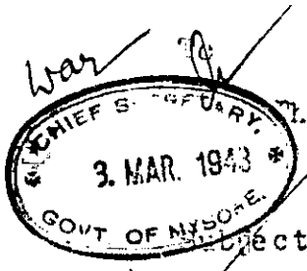

The Revenue Commissioner and Civil Liaison Officer
in Mysore, Bangalore.

Subject:- Artillery Field Firing Practice by the Medium Regiment and southern Army in Bowringpet Taluk during February '43

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the Medium regiment and the southern Army units had their artillery Field firing practices on the several dates noted against each range area as appended below.

"A" range 9,10,11,19,22nd & 24th.	Three ranges were selected
"B" -do- 15th, 16th, 17th & 23rd.	
"C" -do- 12th,13th, 18th,21st & 25th.	for this purpose, one on the

western side of K.G.F. and the second between Budikote and Ramasandra and third one near Bethamangala. The ranges comprised of 16, 12 and 4 villages respectively which were all got evacuated on the several days as desired by the military authorities. The Civil Officer, Kolar District was present throughout the practice.

No damage was done to men or cattle during the hours of practice except the one unhappy accident already reported in regard to the explosion of an unexploded shell near K.G.F. on 20th Feb. 1943 on which day there was no firing.

During the period of practice two dwelling huts in Ramasandra village in Budikote range area were destroyed, and the damages were assessed by the Civil Officer and a sum of Rs.150/- was got paid by the Military Compensation Officer in full settlement of the claims of the owner of the Huts. Slight damages to trees are also reported and they will be got assessed by the Civil Officer as was done on the previous occasions.

As regards the evacuation charges Bills will be forwarded early to the commanding Officer, I Medium regiment, Royal Artillery with a request to place the said amount at the disposal of the Civil Officer, Kolar District, for payments being made to the concerned people.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Sd. T. Ramiah
~~For~~ Deputy Commissioner, Kolar

Memo.

Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, Bangalore, for favour of information.

For Deputy Commissioner, Kolar.

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In all future correspondence please quote this
No. C.L.D.88/42-43
Encls. one.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, KOLAR DISTRICT.

Dated Kolar, the 21st February 1943.

2089-42-547.

FROM

T.Ramaiya, Esq., B.A., (Hons),
Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.
Kolar.

To

J.Appaji Gowda, Esquire, B.A., (Hons),
Chief SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE,
~~Department~~,
Bangalore.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION
Date 23.2.43
No. 4344

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith for favour of information of Government, a copy of letter No. T.1./42-43 dated the 20th instant, received from the Civil Officer, intimating the occurance of an unfortunate incident ~~yesterday~~ yesterday by the explosion of an unexploded shell near K.G.F.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

Enclosure.

Copy of letter No.T.1/42-43 dated 20-2-43 from the Civil Officer Kolar to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

Casualities due to explosion of unexploded shell on 20-2-43.

I have the honor to state as the above subject as follows:-

The Southern Army were conducting Artillery Firing practice near the K.G.F. area on 9th, 10th, 11th and 19th instants. There was no damage to any persons, cattle, or property on any of these days. It is learnt that an unexploded shell was lying about 2 miles in the interior towards the western side of the west block of Marikuppam Mines, which spot happens to be far away from the dwelling houses or from K.G.F. Kamsandra Road.

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2. Chowri-muthu.

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Further report will be submitted in the matter after seeing the Military authorities and injured persons.

" COPY"

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar Dist.

21/2/43.

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This may be intimated to the military authorities concerned as it was their duty to see that no unexploded shell was left in the area of artillery firing. It is also to be ascertained whether any compensation can be given to the heirs/ members of the family.

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OFFICE OF THE ... FOR EDUCATION
Date 2.3.43
No. 4549

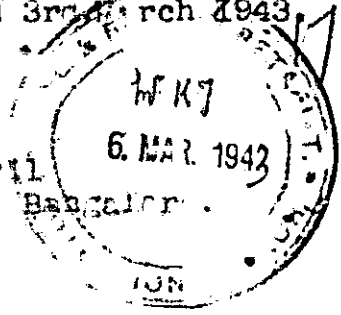
2612 W. 6187/42

C.L.O.88/42-43. Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Kolar. Dated 3rd March 1943.

2089-42-5148

To

The Revenue Commissioner and Civil
Judicial Officer in Mysore, Bangalore.



Sir,

Subject:- Casualities occurred in the explosion of an unexploded shell near K.G.F. on 26th February 1943.

In continuation of my letter of even number dated 21st February 1943, on the above subject, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the further report made by the Civil Officer, Kolar District for favour of your information, and to state that measures are being taken by the Civil Officer, Kolar in consultation with the concerned officers to avoid such unhappy accidents.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(sd) T. Ramaiya.

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar.

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Copy of the above forwarded with compliments to the Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, Bangalore for favour of information.

for Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar.
(Absent from Station)

C.I.O. 97/42-43. Office of the Civil Officer,
Kolar District, Kolar. Dated 3-3-1943.

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To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District, Kolar.

Sub ject:- Casualities in connection with the explosion of an unexploded shell near K.G.F.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter of even number dated 21st February 1943 on the above subject, I have the honour to state, that I visited the G.H. Hospital this day and came to know that the three injured persons referred to in my letter will all recover and survive. It is further learnt that one girl aged about 7 years by name Devarasam was also there at that 300 yards away from the spot where the unexploded shell was meddled by the 5 persons resulted in its explosion. She had also gone there with the object of collecting cowdung and metal pieces of the exploded shells. She has sustained slight injuries on the forehead, nose and left cheek. She was not admitted to the hospital on the 20th the very day of the unhappy accident as the police authorities and the undersigned did not get any information about this girl. She was admitted to the K.G.F. Hospital on 22-2-1943 and she is progressing now.

The commanding officer 7 Medium regiment Royal Artillery, Bathmangala has also been addressed in the matter and his reply is awaited; on hearing from him, further report will be submitted.

I have etc.
(sd) [illegible]
Civil Officer, Kolar.

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for Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat, 20

Bangalore, Dated, ~~8th March 1943~~.

No. 3594/W. ~~20~~ 89-42-549

From

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District, Kolar.

Sir,

Casualties occurred in the explosion of an unexploded shell near K.G.F. on 20th February 1943

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With reference to your memo forwarding copy of letter ~~frm~~ No.C.L.O.88/42-43 dated 3rd March 1943 ~~frmmxthmxfm~~ to the Revenue Commissioner and Civil Liaison Officer in Mysore on the above subject, I am directed to request you to send for the information of Government a copy of letter ~~from~~ addressed by the Civil Officer, Kolar, to the Commanding Officer, I Medium Regiment Royal Artillery, Bethamangala, in the matter, ~~referred to in the memo~~.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Chief Secretary to Government.

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No. C.L.O. 362/42-43.
Encl. one.

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE,

W 89-42-550 *Dated Bangalore,* .....March....6th.....*1943.*

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Mothamed ul Mulk
M.G. Mehkri, Esq., B.A.,LL.B.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
and Civil Liaison Officer.

To

J. Appaji Gowda, Esq., B.A., (Hons),
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

SIR,

War

CHIEF SECRETARY
9. MAR. 1943
GOVT OF MYSORE

Subject:— Artillery field firing practice by the Medium Regiment Southern Army in Bowringpet Taluq during February 1943.

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of letter No. C.L.O.74/42-43 dated 1-3-43 re. the above for favour of information of Government. It is reported that no damage was caused to men or cattle but two dwelling huts in Ramasamudra village were destroyed and slight damage was caused to trees during the field firing practice.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Revenue Commissioner.
and Civil Liaison Officer

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COPY of letter No.C.L.O.74/42-43 dated the 1st March 1943 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, to the Revenue Commissioner and Civil Liaison Officer in Mysore, Bangalore.

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Sub:- Artillery Field Firing Practice by the Medium Regiment and southern Army in Bowringpet Taluk during February 1943.

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I have the honour to state that the Medium regiment and the southern Army units had their artillery Field firing practices on the several dates noted against each range area as appended below.

"A" range 9,10,11,19, 22nd & 24th.	Three ranges were selected for this purpose, one on the western side of K.G.F. and the second between Budikote and Kamasandra and third one near Bethamangala. The ranges comprised of 16, 12 and 4 villages respectively which were all got evacuated on the several days as desired by the military authorities. The Civil Officer, Kolar District was present throughout the practice.
"B" -do- 15th, 16th, 17th, 23rd.	
"C" -do- 12th, 13th, 18th, 21st & 25th.	

No damage was done to men or cattle during the hours of practice except the one unhappy accident already reported in regard to the explosion of an unexploded shell near K.G.F. on 20th Feb. 1943 on which day there was no firing.

During the period of practice two dwelling huts in Ramasandra village in Budikote range area were destroyed, and the damages were assessed by the Civil Officer and a sum of Rs.150/- was got paid by the Military Compensation Officer in full settlement of the claims of the owner of the huts. Slight damages to trees are also reported and they will be got assessed by the Civil Officer as was done on the previous occasions.

As regards the evacuation charges Bills will be forwarded early to the commanding Officer, I Medium regiment, Royal Artillery with a request to place the said amount at the disposal of the Civil Officer, Kolar District, for payments being made to the concerned people.

" C o p y "

M. N. Ananthaw.

For Revenue Commissioner
& Civil Liaison Officer.

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Appendix F. G.—1]

SUBJECT.....

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Section

20 File No. 89 42

Serial No. 351

Diary No. of letter replied to..... 2605 & 2612

No. 3611/W d 10-3-1943

To

The D. C. Kolar.

Casualties due to explosion of unexploded Shell on 20th Feb. 43 Near K G I/2.

Sir,

In continuation of this q/c letter No 3594/W d 8th March. 43 on the above subject. I am directed to request that ~~the Collector~~ a detailed report may also be submitted as to whether the area where the incident took place was declared as a danger area and if so whether it was declared as a ~~Camp~~ prohibited area or not and whether ~~any trespass to a declared danger zone~~ warnings had been taken to avoid such casualties.

Date of issue..... 10-3-1943.

Signed by..... Mr. S. K. V.

List of enclosures.....

Copied by.....

Examined by.....

WD 04161—GPB—60,000—24-10-41

Copy of the letter which ~~you~~ Collector and Deputy Commandant (Civil Defence) 2nd ~~copy~~ letter d. 2605 & 2612

The question of declaring prohibited area and whether the issuing of the required warnings was authorised & if not why not action was taken to prevent these casualties

~~for the families of the deceased~~
authorities ~~on the matter~~ removed
the live shells had been ~~found~~

I have the
honour to
be Chief Secretary Gov[t]

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat, 24

Bangalore, Dated, 10th March 1943.

No. 3611/W

W 89-42-551

From

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District, Kolar.

Sir,

Casualties due to explosion of unexploded shell on 20th February 1943 near K.G.F.

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In continuation of this office letter No.3594/W. dated the 8th March 1943 on the above subject, I am directed to request that a detailed report may also be submitted as to whether the area where the incident took place was declared as a danger area, whether the entry of persons thereto on that day was prohibited and if so what measures had been taken to appraise the public of such prohibition and whether the entry of the injured persons was authorised and if not why no ~~notice~~ action was taken to prevent their entry until the live shells had been removed.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Chief Secretary to Government.

To 89-42-552

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WD 05967—GPB—50,000—9-3-42

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From

Mothamed ul Mulk
M. G. Mehkri, Esq., B.A.,LL.B.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
and Civil Officer Liaison
Officer, Bangalore.

To

J. Appaji Gowda, Esq., B.A.,(Hons),
Chief Secretary to Government
of Mysore, Bangalore.

Dated March 9, 1943

Despatched

Received

General No.

No. C.L.O. 341/42-43.

Enclosure No. one

Sir,

Subject: Casualities due to explosion of an unexploded shell on 20-2-1943 near Kolar Gold Fields.

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In continuation of this office letter of even number dated 23-2-43 re- the above, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the further report of the Civil Officer, Kolar, received along with Kolar Deputy Commissioner's letter No. C.L.O. 88/42-43 dated 3-3-1943 for information of Government.

It is reported that one girl (aged about 7 years) who had also gone with the object of collecting cow-dung and metal pefces of the unexploded shells also sustained slight injuries and was admitted into the Hospital on 21-2-1943 about which the Civil Officer and the Police authorities had no information on the day of the incident viz., on 20-2-43.

Further report, if any, will be submitted to Government on receipt of the same from the Deputy Commissioner.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M. G. Mehkri 1/3

Revenue Commissioner and
Civil Liaison Officer.

SR-2.

Copy of letter No. CLO. 88/42-43 dated 3-3-43 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar to the Revenue Commissioner and Civil Liaison Officer in Mysore, Bangalore.

Subject: Casualities occurred in the explosion of an unexploded shell near K.G.F. on 20th February 1943.

In continuation of my letter of even number dated 21st February 1943, on the above subject, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the further report made by the Civil Officer, Kolar District for favour of your information, and to state that measures are being taken by the Civil Officer,Kolar in consultation with the commanding officer to avoid such unhappy accidents.

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Copy of letter 97/42-43 dated 3-3-43 from the Civil Officer, Kolar to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar.

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Subject: Casualities in connection with the explosion of an enexploded shell near K.G.F.

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In continuation of my letter of even number dated 21st February 1943 on the above subject, I have the honour to state, that I visited the K.G.F. Hospital this day and came to know that the three injured persons referred to in my letter will all recover and survive. It is further learnt that one girl aged about 7 years by name Devanasam was also there about 300 yaards away from the spot where the unexploded shell when meddled by the 5 persons resulted in its explosion. She had also gone there with the object of collecting cowdung and metal pieces of the exploded shells. She has sustained slight injuries on the fore-head, nose and left cheek. She was not admitted to the hospital on the 20 th the very day of the unhappy accident as the police authorities and the undersigned did not get any information about this girl. She was admitted to the K.G.F. Hospital on 21-2-43 and she is progressing now.

The commanding officer, I Medium Regiment Royal Artillery Bethamangala has also been addressed in the matter and his reply is awaited; on hearing from him, further report will be submitted.

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M.N. Ramachar

for Revenue Commissioner and
Civil Liaison Officer.

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No.C.L.O.97/42-3. Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Enc. Two only. Kolar District,
Dated, Kolar the 11th March 1943.

To 2 89-42-553

The Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject:- Casualities resulting by the explosion of an un-exploded shell near P.G.P. on 20th February 1943.

With reference to your letter No.3594/W dated 8th March1943, on the above subject, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the letter No.C.L.O.95/42-3 dated 23-2-43 addressed by the Civil Officer to the Commanding Officer, I Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery, Bethamangala and copy of reply thereto received from the Commanding Officer, for favour of kind reference.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT War 13. MAR. 194 GOVT. OF MYSORE

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

G Venkata Krishna Rao

For Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.
(Absent from station.)

MS.

Subject:- Artillery Practice. Ref. No.1M/T/7

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Civil Liaison Officer,
Kolar.

Reference your letter dated 23 Feb 43.

This unit now has its own demolition set and it is unlikely that therewill be any delay in future as we will endeavour to blow up any unexploded shells immediately after each day's firing.

Sd.-----
Lieut. Colonel R.R.,
Commanding 1st Medium Regiment,RA

27 Feb 43
GH
No 75 Field Post Office.

Letter No.C.L.O.95/42-3 dated 23-2-43 from the Civil Liaison Officer, Camp Bowringret, to the Lieut Col. R.A., Commanding 1 Medium Regiment, Bethamangala No.75 Field Post office.

Subject:- Arranging sappers and miners to explode unexploded shells.

It is highly desirable that a party of sappers and miners may be arranged to be deputed the very next day after the Artillery firing stops in a particular area. Entire dependence upon the people to report such cases to the Police and the Revenue authorities, who have in turn to intimate the military is a procedure and entails naturelly some delay which could be easily avoided by adopting the procedure suggested above. If the spots where the unexploded shells may be lying happen to be far off from any neighbouring village, it will not naturally be possible for the villagers to locate them and report till a No. of days elapse. If the sappers are unable by chance to detect any unexploded shell in any particular site, we may expect the villagers to report such cases through the official source.

2. The adoption of the procedure suggested above is all the more important in view of the fact that a serious accident occurred on 20-2-43 near K.G.F. about 2 miles towards the west of the western block of Marikuppam mines, when two persons died and three are injured due to the explosion of an unexploded shell which was lying there. I shall let you know the full details of this accident in a couple of days. Such a party was being arranged I am told in the initial stages of the artillery practices in the Bowringret Taluk.

3. It is highly important that the party of sappers and miners enlist the support of the local police and village officials in their search to avoid unavoidable delays and omissions to detect cases as far as possible. Without the local support the work of the sappers I am afraid, will be very much hampered and likely to be erraneous. The easiest and the most practicable procedure will in my opinion be for the sappers to pickup

some police official from the police station concerned, who in turn will be able to secure the help of the local village officials, with this object, the following police stations are suggested.

a) For area near Bethamangala, Police station Bethamangala.

b) " Between Budikote and Kamasandra " Kamasandra.

c) " K.G.F. and Kamasandra police stations, Harikurram and Kamasandra.

4. A line in reply as to the action taken will be much obliged.

"Copy"

G. Venkata Krishna Rao

For Deputy Commissioner, Kolar.

MS.

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No.C.L.O. 106/42-43. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar. Dated 27th March 1943.

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The Revenue Commissioner and Civil Liaison Officer in Mysore, Bangalore.

Subject:- Artillery Field Firing Practice on 17th and 18th March 1943.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the 1st Medium Regiment R.A. Bethmangala had their Artillery Practice on 17th or 18th March 43 and Range "D" was selected for this purpose to the East of Budikote Village. The Range area contains only two villages and these were got cleared during the hours required by the military.

The Civil officer, Kolar District has reported that he was present throughout the practice and that there was no damage to property and men or cattle arising out of the Firing operations. Bill in respect of the evacuation charges payable to the inhabitants of the villages got cleared during the required hours is forwarded to the commanding officer, 1 Medium Regiment R.A. Bethmangala for placing of the said at the disposal of the Civil Officer for making necessary payments to the concerned people.

I have thehonour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/ T. Ramaiya.
Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar.

p.t.o.

Copy of the above forwarded to the-ee with compliments to the Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, Bangalore for favour of kind information.

G. Venkata Krishna Rao

for Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar

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No. C.L.O.125/42-43
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OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore, 30th March 194 3

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FROM

Mothamed-ul-mulk
Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri. Esq.B.A.,LL.B
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

To

*J. Appaji Gowda.Esq.B.A.(Hons).
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore

SIR,

Subject:—

Firing Range near Bethamangala.

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of Kolar Deputy Commissioner's letter No.C.C.121/42-43 dated 17th March 1943,re. the above,for favour of information of Government.

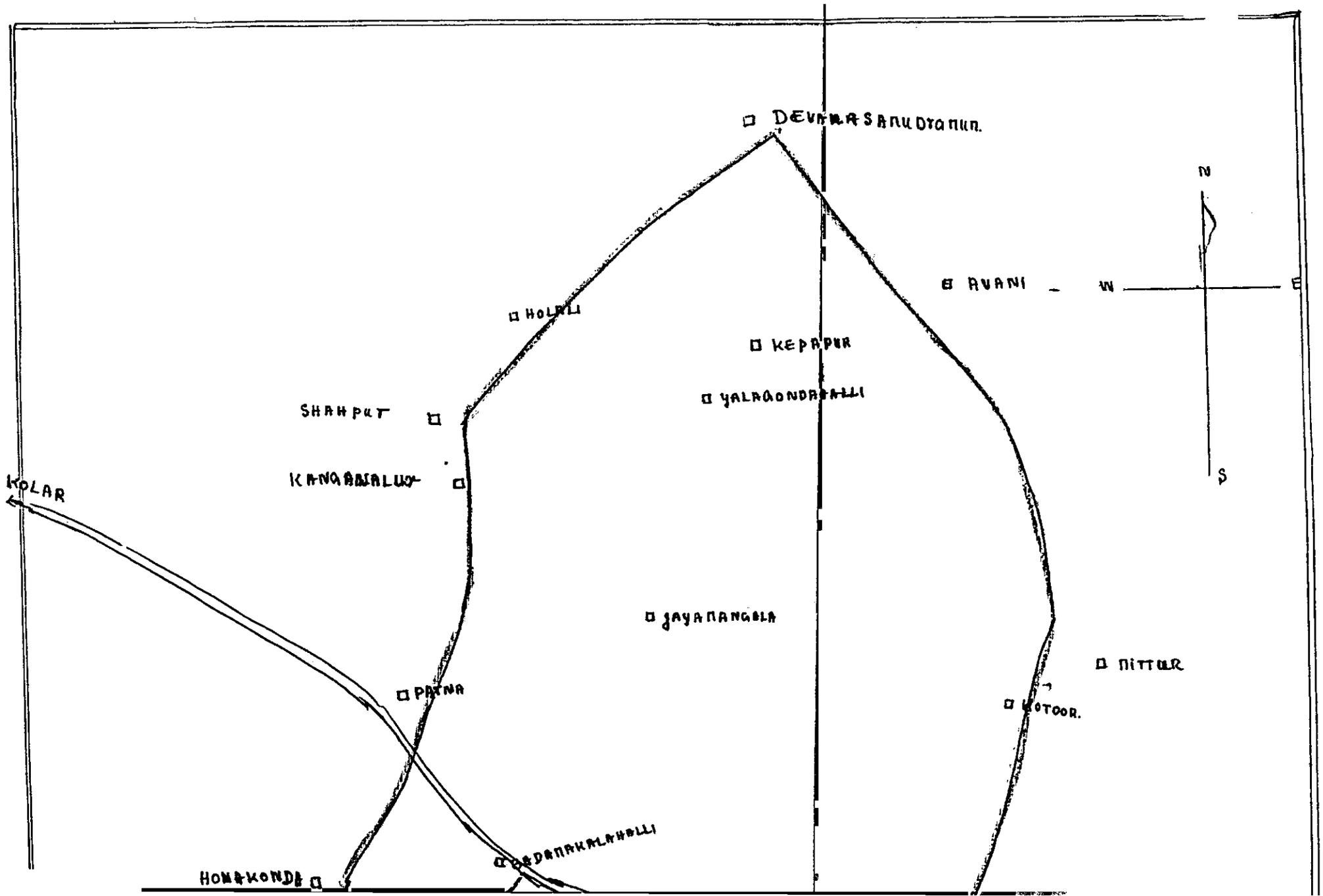
It is reported that the area selected as shown in the sketch enclosed for field firing,contains no village except some huts which are being got evacuated on the days of practice.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M. S. M. 31/3

Revenue Commissioner &
Civil Representative.

G.R.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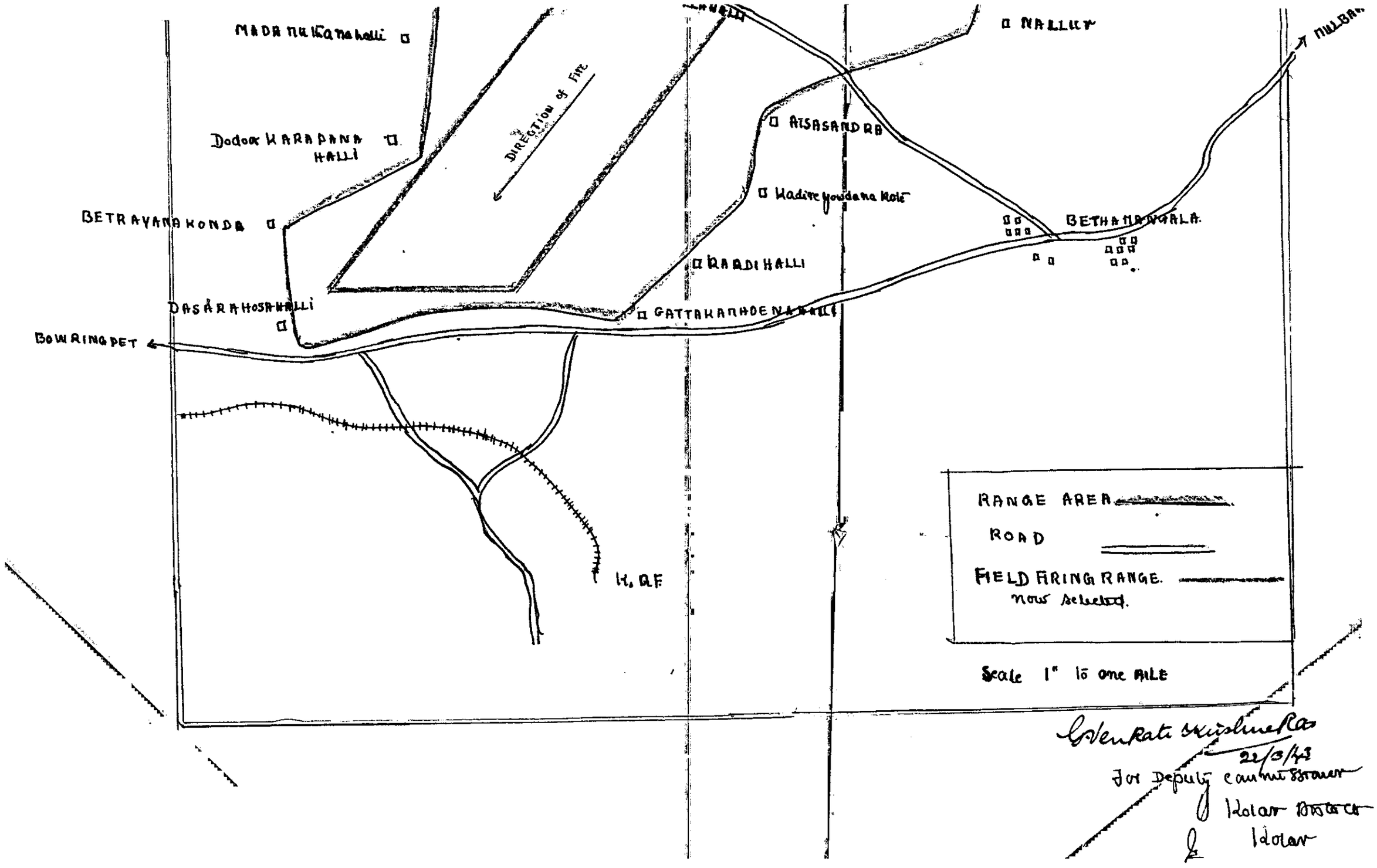

Venkata Krishna Rao
22/3/43
For Deputy Commissioner
Kolar District
Kolar

Letter No.C.O.121/42-43 dated 17-3-1943, from the Deputy Commissioner Kolar, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore. 31

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Field firing range near Bethamangala.

With reference to your letter No.Cl.O.125/42-43 dated 2-3-1943, on the above subject, and in continuation of my letter No.CC.121/42-43 dated 11-10-42, I have the honour to state that the 51 Brigade have selected the Range area between Badamakalahalli and Gollahalli villages near Bethamangala, as shown in the enclosed sketch for field firing practices by the several units of the Brigade and they are often having their practices in this range area.

The range area contains no village except some cooly huts near Betarayanabetta occupied by the mining coolies which are being got evacuated on the days of practice. Compensation is also being paid to the inhabitants of these dwelling huts, for the days they are required to be away from the range area.

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M. N. Ananthaiah

For Revenue Commissioner.
& Civil Representative

CW 89-42-556 2844 37

No. C.L.O.106/42-43 Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Kolar. Dated 1st April 1943

To

The Revenue Commissioner & Civil
Liaison Officer in Mysore, Bangalore.

Subject:- Artillery Field Firing practice held from 22nd March 1943 to 26th March 1943.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that one 1st medium regiment R.A. Bethamangala had their Artillery Field Firing practice from 22nd March to 26th March 1943 and two Range areas were selected for this purpose one to the west of Kolar Gold Fields and the other near Bethamangala. The Range areas contained 19 villages with the inclusion of Hamlets and these were not cleared during the hours as required by the Military.

Range "A" which lies to the west of Kolar Gold Fields was this time used by the Regiment for night practice on 23rd & 24th instants.

The Civil Officer, Kolar District has reported that he was present throughout the practice and that there was no damage to property and no loss of cattle arising out of the firing operations.

Bills in respect of the evacuation charges payable to the inhabitants of the villages got evacuated are forwarded to the Commanding Officer 1st Medium Regiment, R.A. Bethamangala for placing the required amount at the disposal of the Civil Officer, Kolar District for making payments to the concerned people.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

sd/ T. Ramaiya.

Deputy Commissioner, Kolar

p.t.o.

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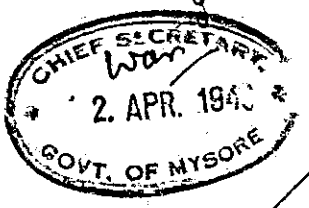
Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, Bangalore for kind favour of information.



for Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar.

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No.C.L.9.97/42-3.
Enc. Nil

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District,
Dated, Kolar the 1st April 1943.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,

Bangalore.

CHIEF SECRETARY 1st Cir 2 APR 1943 GOVT. OF MYSORE

Subject:- Casualities resulted by the explosion of an unexploded shell near K.G.F. on 20th February 1943.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.3611/W dated 10th March 1943 and in continuation of this office reference of even No. dated 11th March 1943, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the detailed report made by the Civil officer and a copy of the report made by the special Superintendent of Police, K.G.F. in this behalf, for favour of kind reference. The victims should have reported the fact of the presence of the live shell either to the nearest police station or to the Amildar of the taluk without meddling with the same.

Necessary instructions have been given to the public by wide publication of notices in all languages explaining how the live shells are dangerous to be meddled with and as to the manner they should conduct themselves whenever they come across any live shell. There is no further action to be taken.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

MS.2.

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Letter No.C.C.328/42-3 dated 18-3-43 from the Sepcial Superintendent of Police, K.G.F. to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar.

With reference to your memo No.C.L.C.97/42-3 dated the 15th instant regarding the casualities occurred in the explosion of a shell on the 20th Feb. 1943, I have the honour to state that the incident has occurred the next day after the firing practice, when these people went in search of shell pieces as usual. The area had been notified as dangerous on the firing practice day. The question of taking precautions does not arise as this incident has taken place the next day. When the live shell was being taken it was dropped down accidentally which resulted in the death of two persons and injuries to others.

Letter No.C.L.97/42-3 dated 27-3-43 from the Civil Officer, Kolar to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

Subject:- Casualities due to explosion of unexploded shell on 20-2-43 near K.G.F.

With reference to letter No.3611/W dated 10-3-43 from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, Kolar calling for the submission of a report on the above subject, I have the honour to state as follows:-

2. The southern Army was conducting Artillery practice near K.G.F. on 19-2-43 and the said area was declared as a danger area from the morning till the evening of 19-2-43. There was no Artillery practice on 20-2-43 in any of the areas in Bowringpet taluk. Hence the area near K.G.F. when the incident took place was not declared as a danger area on 20-2-43, and consequently there was no prohibition for entry of persons to the said area on that day. The deceased and the injured persons should not have meddled with the live shell which was lying there, but ought to have reported the fact of the presence of the live shell either to the nearest Police station or to the Amildar of the Taluk, when they would have been entitled to the reward stipulated.

3. As regards arrangements about evacuation of Danger areas, three sets of printed handbills in Kannada showing the dates, hours name of the week etc. are being distributed among the village officials of the villages to be evacuated as also of the villages to be got confirmed through the Police, Hobli Revenue Inspectors and the special Revenue Inspector and the matter is being widely published in all the villages concerned by means of tom tom. In addition the undersigned would personally instruct all the available village officials and other villagers during his rounds in the respective area, one or two days prior to the commencement of the Artillery practice. The Police and the Village officials guard the area during the hours of practice.

4. As regards the instance of live shells lying here and there in any of the areas hundreds of printed circulars in different languages received from the Military stating that it is dangerous to meddle with the shells, that the fact of the instence of any live shell should be reported immediately to the Amildar of the taluk and that such informants will be given a reward of Rs.1/- per each shell, have been widely distributed among the inhabitants of the villagers and copies thereof are also affixed to the chavadies of the villages in the respective areas. The target area is invariably a barrur hilly or jungle area, and it is in these places that unexploded shells are liable to be found. Unless the area is effectively checked it is generally not possible to find out all the unexploded shells and it would take a few days to locate them. It is for the Military officers to undertake this work. I reproduce below a copy of letter No.IM/T/7 dated 27-2-43 from Leiut Colonel R.A., Commanding 1st Medium Regiment R.A. to the undersigned for favour of information.

"Reference to your letter dated 23-2-43. This unit now has its own demolition set and it is unlikely that there will be any delay in future as we will endeavour to blow up any unexploded shells immediately, after each day's firing".

"Copy"

Deputy Commissioner, Kolar.

MS.2.

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No. C.L.O.395/42-43 OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
Encl. Encl. IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore, 3rd April 194 3

FROM

Mothamed-ul-mulk
M. G. Mehkri.Esq.B.A.,LL.B.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

To

V. Appaji Gowda.Esq.B.A.(Hons).
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore

SIR,

Subject:—

Artileery field firing practice on
17th and 18th March 1943.

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of Kolar Deputy Commissioner's letter No.C.L.O.106/42-43 dated 29th March 1943, re. the above for information of Government, and to state that there was no damage to property and men or cattle during the Firing operations.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner
Civil Representative.

G.R.

Letter No.C.L.O.106/42-43 dated 27-3-1943,from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar, to the Revenue Commissioner & Civil Representative.

Artillery field- firing practice on 17-and 18th March 1943.

I have the honour to state that the 1st medium Regiment R.A. Bethamangala had their Artillery practice on 17th and 18th March 1943 and Range "D" was selected for this purpose to the East of Budikote village. The Range area contained only two villages and these were got cleared during the hours required by the military.

The Civil Officer,Kolar district has reported that he was present throughout the practice and that there was no damage to property and men or cattle arising out of the Firing operations. Bill in respect of the evacuation charges payable to the inhabitants of the villages got cleared during the required hours is forwarded to the commanding officer I Medium regiment R.A.Bethamangala for placing of the said amount at the disposal of the Civil Officer for making necessary payments to the concerned people.

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M. N. [illegible]

For Revenue Commissione
& Civil Representative

C.L.C.403/42-3.

Encl. Encl. W89-42-559

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE, 2960 W 33

Dated Bangalore, 10th April 1943. 12

FROM Mothamed-ul-Mulk
M.G. Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Civil Representative &
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

To The Chief Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

SIR,

Subject:— Artillery Field Firing practice held from 22nd March 1943 to 25th March 1943.

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of Kolar Deputy Commissioner's letter No.C.L.C.106/42-3 dated 1st April 1943 regarding the above for information of Government and to state that there was no damage to property and men or cattle during the Firing operations.

CHIEF SECRETARY. 13 APR. 1943 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner
& Civil Representative.

ALJ.

Copy of letter No.C.L.O.106/42-43 dated 1st April 1943 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

Sub:- Artillery Field Firing practice held from 22nd March 1943 to 26th March 1943.

I have the honour to state that the 1st medium regiment R.A. Bethamangala had their Artillery Field Firing practice from 22nd March to 25th March 1943 and two Range areas were selected for this purpose one to the west of Kolar Gold Fields and the other near Bethamangala. The Range areas contained 19 villages with the inclusion of Hamlets and these were got clearxed during the hours as required by the military

Range "A" which lies to the west of Kolar Gold Fields was this time used by the Regiment for night practices on 22nd and 24th instants.

The Civil Officer, Kolar District has reported that he was present throughout the practice and that there was no damage to property and men or cattle arising out of the firing operations

Bills in respect of the evacuation charges payable to the inhabitants of the villages got evacuated are

P.T.O.

are ~~forwarded~~ forwarded to the Commanding Officer, 1st Med Regiment, R.A. Bethamangala for placing the requi amount at the disposal of the Civil Officer, Kolar District for making payments to the concerned people.

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" C o p y "

M. N. Ramaiah

For Revenue Commissioner
& Civil Representative.

ALJ.

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Diary No. of letter replied to. 2875

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue..... 19-4-1943

Signed by..... Mr. AKN

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Section

W File No. 89-42

Serial No. 560

No. 3985/W d 19-4-1943

To

The D. C. Kolar.

Casualties resulting from explosion of unexploded Shells near Kgp on 20th Feb. 43

Sir,

With reference to your letter No C.h.o. 97/42 40 d 15th April 43 stating a copy of Civil officer's detailed report in the matter I am directed to enquire, whether handbills or circulars calling the attention of the villagers to the dangers of handling unexploded ~~bombs~~ Shells and asking them to intimate the presence of such Shells to the Amildar or the Nearest Police Station

we distributed previous to the address
from which held on the 19th Feb. 40

I have the
honour
to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant

W 89-42-561

3079

No.C.L.O.97/42-43

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar. Dated 26th April 1943.

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From

The Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District, Kolar.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject:- Casualities resulted by the explosion of an unexploded shell on 20th Feb. 1943 near K.G.F.

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With reference to your letter No. 3985/W dated 16th April 1943, on the above subject, I have the honour to state that the hand bills referred to in my previ-ous letters were published and distributed in all the villages which come within the Range area selected, previous to such Artillery practices and they contained the manner as to how the public should conduct themselves with the live shells whenever they happen to come across them.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

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Date of issue 17.3.43

Signed by K.V.K.

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~~2~~ File No. 89-42

Serial No. 562

No. 1449

To

The Deputy Commissioner

Kolar District.

Kolar.

Subject:— Casualties resulted by the explosion of an unexploded Shell on 20th February 1943 near K.G.F.

Sir,

Correspondence ending with

With reference ~~to~~ your letter no. C.2.O.97/42.43 dated 26th April 1943 on the above subject, I am directed to request you to forward for reference ~~a copy~~ copies of the hand bills referred to therein. An early reply is requested.

I have etc.

for Secy to Govt Law Deptt

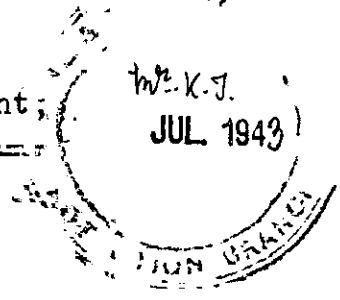
N 89-42-63 47 - 744 843

C.L.O. 97/42-43

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District,
Dated, Kolar, the 26th July 1943.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
of Mysore, Bangalore.



Sir,

Subject:- Casualities resulted by the explosion of an unexploded shell on 20th Feb. 1943 near K.G.F.

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With reference to your letter No.P.447 dated 17th July 1943 on the above subject, I have the honour to forward herewith copies of the hand bills which were widely got published and distributed in their respective range areas, for favour of reference and to request you to kindly to return the same after done with.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

For Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

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SUBJECT..... Casualties resulting by the explosion of one unexploded shell on 20th July 43 near K.G.7. .....

Diary No. of letter replied to.....3079.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue....24.8.43.....

Signed by.....Mr. S.K.V.....

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W File No.89-42

Serial No. 564

No. W.382.

To

The D.E. Motar

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. C.L.O 97/42-43 dt 26-7-43 on the above subject I am directed to state that it may be suggested to the Civil authorities that it is desirable and necessary that they should arrange to put an embargo the area immediately after the firing

practices and in any case at least the next day and see that all live shells are exploded. The witnesses should also be asked not to move about in the danger zone for a day or two or at least not to touch such unexploded shells

S. Hamid

WO 25/8/43

For chief. Engg.

18/8/43

Memo. No 383. dated 24th Aug 43.

Copy w/c. to C. R.

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25/8/43

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

W89-42-566 General and Revenue Secretariat

No. W 389 Encls Nil Bangalore dated, ...25th August 1943.

FROM

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar.

SIR,

Casualties resulted by the explosion of an unexploded shell on 20th February near K.G.F.

In continuation of this office letter No.382/W. dated the 24th August 1943 on the above subject, I am directed to return herewith copies of the handbills received with your letter No.C.L.O.97/42-43 dated the 26th July 1943, as desired.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.